

# Arsenal's Officials Deny Rumors

Officials of the Joliet Arsenal and the Office of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants today denied various rumors concerning proposed activities for government properties in this area.

One of the reports circulating the county is that an air field project is planned to protect various war plants in the vicinity.

It has been reported that engineers from the Joliet Arsenal are surveying for the airstrips. Rumor has it that the project involves 15 long strips, two miles apart.

When contacted about this, Arsenal officials said "we know nothing about such a project. If there is one contemplated it must be in the hands of the top boys in Washington."

**YESTERDAY**, officials at Washington spiked rumors of the air base. The air force said it has sufficient bases in the Middle West to protect key installations and cities.

Another of the many reports is that the E. I. duPont deNeumours company, which has been given the job by the government to make the H-bomb, will soon take over both Elwood Ordnance and Kankakee Ordnance Works which have been government operated for the past several years.

Still a third report had it that a synthetic rubber plant is to be established at KOW by duPont, while another rumor is that a housing project providing living quarters for 1,000 families is to be built in the Elwood area and that an H-bomb plant is to be established in Peotone.

All these were termed by the government officials at the arsenal as "news to us."

Today, Brig. Gen. Joel Holmes left for Washington, D. C. for a conference there. He is the field director of ammunition plants in the United States, with headquarters in Joliet. It is understood that Holmes is going to ask that an office building, adequate to provide facilities for some 1,500 office workers, be erected on the site of the arsenal.